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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the Office Action dated April 19, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 31 as follows:

Claim 31, lines 3-4, delete "cosme tic" and insert therefore --cosmetic--.

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